



***IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE***

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Title: UNDERWATER LASER  
PROCESSING APPARATUS  
AND UNDERWATER LASER  
PROCESSING METHOD  
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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY ACCOMPANYING RCE**

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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Final Office Action dated March 17, 2008, concerning the above-referenced patent application.

A petition for extension of time is submitted herewith making this response timely.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows:

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